

**U.S. Department of the Interior
Bureau of Land Management
Kremmling Field Office
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CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION

NUMBER: DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2014-027-CX-Grazing Preference Transfer

CASEFILE/PROJECT NUMBER: N/A

PROJECT NAME: Transfer of Grazing Preference #0501732, that authorizes grazing on allotment #07583 (Grace Creek) from Conrad Sterkel to Eric S. Eder.

LEGAL DESCRIPTION: T. 2 S., R. 82 W, Sections 1, 12, 6th P.M.

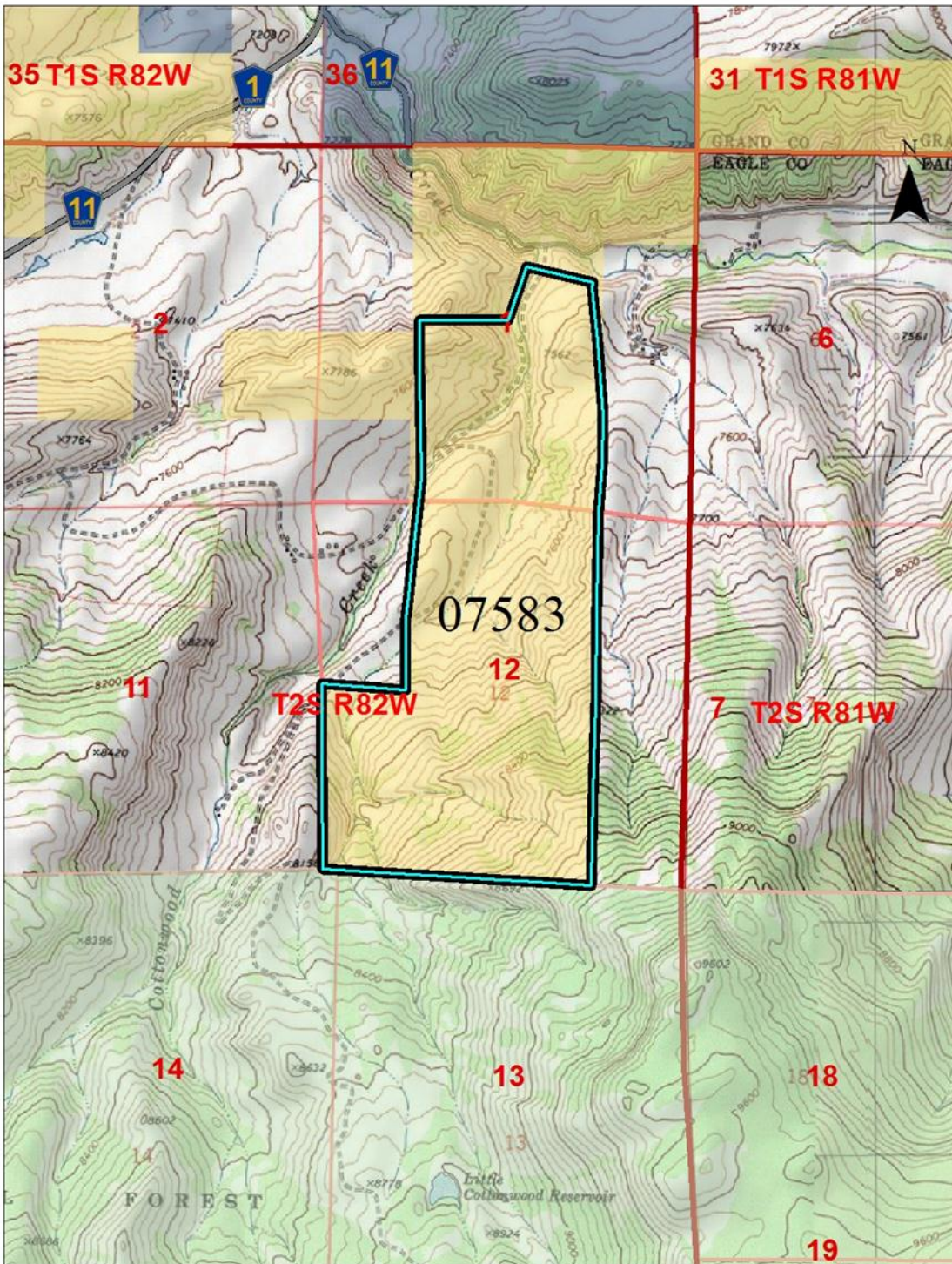
APPLICANT: Eric S. Eder

DESCRIPTION OF PROPOSED ACTION: Eric S. Eder purchased the base property from Conrad Sterkel, and has applied for the grazing preference attached to said base property. This Categorical Exclusion along with the Consolidated Appropriations Act of 2014 would transfer and issue the grazing preference on allotment #07583 from Conrad Sterkel to Eric S. Eder.

Grazing Preference would authorize livestock grazing to the following extent:

Allotment	Livestock Number Kind	Season of Use	Percent Public Land	AUMs
07583	25 Cattle	05/20-08/23	100	79

AUM (animal unit month) = the amount of forage needed to sustain one cow and calf for one month.



Red box shows map location.

Legend

Highway Labels

State Highways Legend

— U.S./State

ROUTE SIGN

— Interstate

0.3

Miles



1:15,000

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PLAN CONFORMANCE REVIEW: The Proposed Action is subject to and has been reviewed for conformance with (43 CFR 1610.5-3, BLM 1601.08) the following plan:

Name of Plan: Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP), Record of Decision (ROD)

Date Approved: December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999

Decision Number/Page: Livestock grazing pages 6 through 8, as revised

Decision Language: Objectives of the RMP/ROD include allocation of a base level of livestock forage and maintaining or improving forage production and condition in areas where livestock grazing is a priority or is compatible with the land use priority.

"The enclosed permit or lease is issued under the authority of Section 411, PL 113-76 as the result of a transfer of grazing preference and contains the same terms and conditions as the previous permit or lease. This permit or lease may be canceled, suspended, or modified, in whole or in part to meet the requirements of applicable laws and regulations."

CATEGORICAL EXCLUSION REVIEW: The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11.0, D (1): "Approval of transfers of grazing preference".

This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The proposed action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 516 DM2 apply.

The Proposed Action has been reviewed with the list of extraordinary circumstances (43 CFR 46.215) described in the table below.

Extraordinary Circumstance	YES	NO
a) Have significant adverse effects on public health and safety.		x
b) Have significant impacts on such natural resources and unique geographic characteristics as historic or cultural resources; park, recreation, or refuge lands; wilderness areas; wild or scenic rivers; national natural landmarks; sole or principal drinking water aquifers; prime farmlands; wetlands; floodplains; national monuments; migratory birds; and other ecologically significant or critical areas.		x
c) Have highly controversial environmental effects or involve unresolved conflicts concerning alternative uses of available resources.		x
d) Have highly uncertain and potentially significant environmental effects or involve unique or unknown environmental risks.		x

Extraordinary Circumstance	YES	NO
e) Establish a precedent for future action or represent a decision in principle about future actions with potentially significant environmental effects.		x
f) Have a direct relationship to other actions with individually insignificant but cumulatively significant environmental effects.		x
g) Have significant impacts on properties listed, or eligible for listing, in the National Register of Historic Places as determined by either the bureau of office.		x
h) Have significant impacts on species listed, or proposed to be listed, on the List of Endangered or Threatened Species, or have adverse effects on designated Critical Habitat for these species.		x
i) Violate a Federal law, or a State, local or tribal law or requirement imposed for the protection of the environment.		x
j) Have a disproportionately high and adverse effect on low income or minority populations		x
k) Limit access to and ceremonial use of Indian sacred sites on Federal lands by Indian religious practitioners or significantly affect the physical integrity of such sacred sites.		x
l) Contribute to the introduction, continued existence, or spread of noxious weeds or non-native invasive species known to occur in the area or actions that may promote the introduction, growth, or expansion of the range of such species.		x

INTERDISCIPLINARY REVIEW:

The Proposed Action was presented to, and reviewed by, the Kremmling Field Office interdisciplinary team on 04/01/2014. A complete list of resource specialists who participated in this review is available upon request from the Kremmling Field Office. The table below lists resource specialists who provided additional remarks concerning cultural resources and special status species.

Name	Title	Resource	Date
Bill Wyatt	Archaeologist	Cultural Resources, Native American Religious Concerns	04/21/2014
Darren Long	Wildlife Biologist	Special Status Wildlife & Plant Species	05/13/2014
Paula Belcher	Hydrologist	Soil, Water, Air, and Riparian Resources	05/05/2014

REMARKS:

Cultural Resources: This is a paperwork exercise and would not affect any cultural species. This action would be assessed for impacts once a change or permit renewal is conducted.

Native American Religious Concerns: This is a paperwork exercise and would not affect any Native American Religious concerns. This action would be assessed for impacts once a change or permit renewal is conducted.

Special Status Species: This is a paperwork exercise and would not affect any special status species. This action would be assessed for impacts once a change or permit renewal is conducted.

NAME OF PREPARER: Neilie Goodwin

COMPLIANCE WITH NEPA

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11, D(1), grazing preference transfer. This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The Proposed Action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 apply.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Susan Cassel
Associate Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 5/28/2014

ATTACHMENTS: None

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DECISION RECORD

PROJECT NAME: Transfer of Grazing Preference #0501732

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DECISION

It is my decision to implement the Proposed Action, as mitigated in DOI-BLM-LLCON02000-2014-027-CX, authorizing Transfer of Grazing Preference #0501732, authorizing grazing on allotment #07583 from Conrad Sterkel to Eric S. Eder

Mitigation Measures: None

COMPLIANCE WITH LAWS & CONFORMANCE WITH THE LAND USE PLAN

This decision is in compliance with the Federal Land Management and Policy Act, the Endangered Species Act, and the National Historic Preservation Act. It is also in conformance with the December 19, 1984; Updated February 1999 Kremmling Resource Management Plan (RMP).

PUBLIC INVOLVEMENT: The transfer of grazing preference #051732 project will be listed on the Kremmling Field Office NEPA register on 5/28/2014.

RATIONALE

The Proposed Action is categorically excluded from further documentation under the National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) in accordance with 516 DM 11, D(1) grazing preference transfer. This categorical exclusion is appropriate in this situation because there are no extraordinary circumstances potentially having effects that may significantly affect the environment. The Proposed Action has been reviewed, and none of the extraordinary circumstances described in 43 CFR 46.215 apply.

ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES

Administrative remedies may be available to those who believe they will be adversely affected by this decision. Appeals may be made to the Office of Hearings and Appeals, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Interior, Board of Land Appeals (Board) in strict compliance with the regulations in 43 CFR Part 4. Notices of appeal must be filed in this office within 30 days after publication of this decision. If a notice of appeal does not include a statement of reasons,

such statement must be filed with this office and the Board within 30 days after the notice of appeal is filed. The notice of appeal and any statement of reasons, written arguments, or briefs must also be served upon the Regional Solicitor, Rocky Mountain Region, U.S. Department of Interior, 755 Parfet Street, Suite 151, Lakewood, CO 80215.

The effective date of this decision (and the date initiating the appeal period) will be the date this notice of decision is posted on BLM's Kremmling Field Office internet website.

SIGNATURE OF AUTHORIZED OFFICIAL: /s/ Susan Cassel
Associate Field Manager

DATE SIGNED: 5/28/14